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SUBJ: PRESIDENTS VISIT TO GENEVA

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1. AMB HEGNER TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAS
GIVEN FURGLER AND GRAHER TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR POINTS
FURGLER MIGHT RAISE WITH OUR PRESIDENT AT THEIR MEETING.
THESE POINTS WOULD BE: 1) EUROPE
AND THE US AND 2) CSCE.

2. 1) EUROPE AND THE US. FURGLER HOPES THE PRESIDENT
WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEAK FOR A MINUTE OR TWO ABOUT HIS
OWN PERSPECTIVE ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN WESTERN EUROPE
AND THE US. THE SWISS HOPE THE PRESIDENT WILL
DISCUSS THESE RELATIONSHIPS IN A BROADER CONTEXT THAN NATO
AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ON HIS SIDE, PRESIDENT FURGLER
WOULD BE PREPARED TO SAY A WORD ABOUT THE COUNCIL
OF EUROPE AND THE ATTITUDES OF WESTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY.

3. COMMENT: THE SWISS ARE SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT
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OUR PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE WITH
NATO AND THE EC NINE. I BELIEVE FURGLER AND GRABER HOPE
TO LEAVE THE PRESIDENT WITH SOME SENSE OF THE INTERESTS
AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE SMALLER WESTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES. WHILE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR NEUTRALITY AND
MODEST SIZE, THE SWISS HOPE TO BE CONSULTED ON QUESTIONS
OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO THEM. WHILE THE SWISS

WILL STRIVE TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT CARTER THAT THEY AND
THEIR SMALLER FRIENDS ARE PART OF THE MAP OF EUROPE,
FURGLERS PRESENTATION IS LIKELY TO BE VERY BLAND.
END COMMENT.

4. (2) CSCE. HEGNER SAID FURGLER WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING BELGRADE
CONFERENCE AND THE PURPOSES WE HOPE MAY BE ACHIEVED THERE.
HE SAID THE SWISS WOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMENT BRIEFLY
ON THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE SWISS AND OTHER EUROPEAN
NEUTRALS AND THEIR OWN GENERAL PLANS. HEGNER WAS EXPLICIT
IN SAYING THAT FURGLER WOULD NOT TRY TO OFFER ADVICE OR ENTER INTO
AREAS OF CONTROVERSY. ONCE AGAIN, HEGNER EMPHASIZED THAT
THE SWISS DESIRE IS TO PROVIDE A PLEASANT AND
SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION AND - OF COURSE -
TO ENABLE FURGLER AND GRABER TO
HEAR OUR PRESIDENTS VIEWS.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE REPORTED TWO RECENT EXPRESSIONS
OF THE SWISS OUTLOOK ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES
AND CSCE (BERN 1424 AND 1393). WHAT HEGNER WAS TELLING
ME, I BELIEVE, WAS THAT WE NEED NOT BE CONCERNED
THAT FURGLER OR GRABER WILL GO BEYOND A GENERAL
DISCUSSION. ON THE BASIC QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
THE SWISS STAND WITH US. END COMMENT.

6. HEGNER TOLD ME THAT FURGLER AND GRABER WOULD BE
HAPPY TO ADD A THIRD SUBJECT OF
CONVERSATION OR TO DROP ONE OF THE TWO
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SUBJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE. HE REITERATED THAT THE
SOLE SWISS DESIRE IS TO PROVIDE A CONTEXT
TO HEAR OUR PRESIDENT TALK ABOUT SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO
BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE BROAD INTERNATIONAL SENSE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THE DEPT HAS ANY
DESIRES FOR MODIFICATION OF THE FOREGOING VERY
RUDIMENTARY AGENDA, PLEASE ADVISE.
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